

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 – 22 are pending and have been rejected. No claims have been allowed.

Paragraph [0022], previously amended in the Amendment filed March 31, 2006, is hereby further amended to textually describe what is shown in Fig. 1. No new matter is introduced by the present amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 21 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4,678,453 (Aucktor et al.), and claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8-22 have been rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 3818730. Applicants hereby amend independent claims 1, 10 and 12 to clarify that the paired helical grooves are located or disposed on diametrically opposite sides of the inner joint member longitudinal axis, and not merely on opposite sides of a variably oriented plane containing the inner joint member longitudinal axis as the Examiner surmises.

Neither of the above references teaches that its respective paired helical grooves of common twist direction are located on diametrically opposite sides of the inner joint member longitudinal axis. Indeed, they both teach away from such construction and instead pair helical grooves of opposite twist directions on diametrically opposite sides of the axis.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that all claim rejections now be withdrawn and that their allowance be granted.

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Should there be any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1250. In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or payment of additional amount of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges, or credit for any overpayment, be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0831, Delphi Technologies, Inc.

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